Turkeys raised for food are torn from their mothers, debeaked, detoed, sexually assaulted, imprisoned in filthy sheds, tortured with electric shocks, and brutally murdered.

“I have never done such hard, dirty, disgusting work in my life: 10 hours of pushing birds, grabbing birds, wrestling birds, jerking them upside down, pushing open their vents, dodging their panic-blown excrement and breathing the dust stirred up by terrified birds.” – Jim Mason, former “milker” at a ConAgra turkey breeding plant in Missouri

Turkeys have a zest for living. In nature, turkeys walk fast, fly well, even swim! Treated with respect, turkeys are very friendly birds. Native to the woods and fields, turkeys raised for food never know the warmth of a mother bird’s wings or the comfort she brings. Did you know that in nature, young turkeys spend up to 5 months close to their mothers?

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